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Venice, January 7.

THIS Week arrived here from Spalato Collonel Gnoftitz, Son of General Gnoftitz, who is also on his Way hither. The Men of War lately launched in our Arsenal, are rigging and fitting out for Sea in the Port of Malomocco. On Monday last all the Devotions of the Christmas Holydays were concluded with a solemn Procession of the Doge and Senate in the Place of St. Mark, and with divine Service performed to Musick in the Ducal Church, which on that Occasion was illuminated. The next Night the Theatres and the Ridotto were opened, and there is already a great Concourse of Strangers to partake of the Diversions of the Carnival. 'Tis advised from Naples, that the Royal Officers are taking an exact Account of all the Revenues paid to the Apostolical Chamber, which are now sequestred: And that a Book has been published there, justifying the Proceedings of the Court of Vienna, and setting forth that the Nunciature was established in that Kingdom for an hundred Years only, by Virtue of a Contract between the Pope then reigning and the Emperor Charles V; but that Term being expired, that Office is fallen of it self, and besides, ought to be abolished as being unnecessary and oppressive.

Vienna, Jan. 12. The 6th Instant being the Birthday of the Empress-Mother, who was born in the Year 1655, the Court was very numerous and magnificent, and her Majesty received the Visits and Compliments of the Imperial Family, the Nobility, and other Persons of Distinction, among whom the Prince Royal of Poland and Electoral of Saxony, made a publick Appearance. All the Imperial Family dined and supped that Day with the Empress-Mother. 'Tis not doubted the Empress-Consort is with Child again. General Count Merci arrived on the 6th from Temiswaer. On the 7th the Prince of Anhalt Dessau set out from hence, on his Return home by the Way of Prague. M. Bruyninx, Minister of the States General at this Court, has received Letters from the Dutch Consul at Smyrna dated the 12th of November, which say that Prince Ragotski was arrived at Constantinople; and that the late Grand Vizier who lost the Battle of Belgrade, and upon his Return to Court was banished to Salonica, had made his Escape from thence, upon Notice that an Officer was coming with an Order from the Grand Signior for his Head. 'Tis advised from Rome, that Count Gallas who retired lately from thence to Naples, with a Design as 'twas thought to absent himself for some Time, is already returned to his Post. The Pope's Nuncio here continues still under a Prohibition of coming to Court. The Talk of

sending more Troops to Naples and Milan still continues, but neither the Number of them, nor the Generals to command them are yet settled. The Elector of Trier arrived here two Days ago, and is lodged at Court: It is thought he will make some Stay here, tho' it is not known that he has any particular Business to negotiate. Count Volkra is likewise arrived here.

Berne, Jan. 12. The Deputies of the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne are now assembled at Baden with those of the new Abbot of St. Gall, which last consist of four Persons, whereof two are Laicks, and the other two Priests. It is expected that the Demands of the Abbot will now soon be known; after which the Cantons will declare what Concessions they are disposed to make in favour of the Pacification desired. The Town of St. Gall has named two Deputies to go to Ravensberg, and Compliment on their Part the new Abbot of St. Gall upon his being raised to that Dignity.

Dresden, Jan. 12. Count Fleming has been so much indisposed since his Return from the Court of Berlin, that he has not yet been out of his House, nor waited on the King since his Arrival from Fraustadt. There is now no likelihood of his Majesty's going to the Fair of Leipfick, which ends in a few Days. Two Officers of the Regiment of Seiffans, named la Croix and du Parc, who some time ago were seized in the Dutchy of Deuxponts, as being accused of a Design against the Person of King Stanislaus, but were afterwards dismissed, returned hither some Days ago: But were immediately taken into Custody, and have since been imprisoned in the Castle of Sonnestein.

Brussels, Jan. 17. A Placart was published on the 6th of September 1716, for confiscating the Estates and Effects of such Natives of the Austrian Netherlands, as had acted in Arms for King Philip and still continued in his Service; but the putting it in Execution was suspended, upon the Representation of the most considerable Burghers of Antwerp and other Towns of these Provinces, that it would be prejudicial to Commerce, and especially to such as had Effects in Spain. By an express Order from the Court of Vienna, that Suspension is newly taken off, and the Marquess de Prié has written circular Letters to the Receivers established in the several Provinces, directing them to proceed to the said Confiscation; and to make strict and diligent Inquiry into all clandestine and fraudulent Conveyances and Alienations of such Estates or Effects as were liable to Confiscation by the said Placart. The principal Persons, and who will be most affected by this Proceeding, as having left good Estates in this Country, are the Marquess de Bay and Ingeniet-General Verboom. By Order from his Imperial Majesty, the Marquess de Prié has nominated three Persons for the vacant